



United States Department of Agriculture
Agricultural Marketing Service
Poultry Market News

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYER FACTS FAX

The "Source" of Poultry and Egg Market Information

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYER MARKET, US Grade A, Week Ending 24-Mar-06

DATE	PRODUCTION (000)	ICE-PACKED, MULTI-DROP, IMMEDIATE DELIVERY			
	<u>Actual Slaughter</u>	<u>Live Weight</u>	<u>Price Range</u>	<u>Weighted Price</u>	<u># of Boxes</u>
03/20	2,032	5.81	43-70	(A)	(A)
03/21	2,202	5.79	43-73	(A)	(A)
03/22	2,244	5.78	43-70	(A)	(A)
03/23	2,232	5.76	39-73	(A)	(A)
03/24	2,285	5.76	38-69	(A)	(A)
Weekly	10,995	5.78	Cumulative:	(A)	(A)

(A)Not released to avoid disclosing individual operations

NEGOTIATED TRADING, USDA GRADE A WHOLE ICE-PACKED, Week of 27-Mar-06

Weighted Averages for:	<u>Current Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>Year Ago</u>
New York	51.91	54.58	72.75
Chicago	50.75	54.37	70.10
Detroit	52.67	55.00	71.50
Los Angeles	73.02	72.76	79.32
Composite Weighted Average	60.55	60.89	73.65

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS Ice-Packed, Delivered first receivers, pool and trucklot volumes, cents per pound, Week Ending 24-Mar-06

	<u>Weekly Weighted Average Price</u>	<u>Total Volume/Pounds</u>
Breast - B/S	97.95	2,602,400
Tenderloins	97.32	613,162
Breast - With Ribs	64.66	420,000
Breast - Line Run	58.30	383,840
Legs	27.65	1,404,170
Leg Quarters (Bulk)	16.30	1,316,766
Drumsticks	24.75	393,760
Thighs	30.33	263,270
B/S Thighs	64.79	316,120
Wings (Whole)	77.02	874,680

(Includes NY City metro area, RI, Northern NJ, MA, CT, PA (NE of Harrisburg))

BROILER EGGS SET AND CHICKS PLACED (000), Week Ending 18-Mar-06

	<u>Current Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>Year Ago</u>	<u>10-Weeks Prior</u>	<u>7-Weeks Prior</u>
Eggs Set	213,723	216,624	213,135	213,256	214,147
Chicks Placed	177,078	175,363	176,235	175,059	174,755

SLAUGHTER OF YOUNG CHICKENS UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION W/E 18-MAR-06

	<u>Current Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>Year Ago</u>
Head (000)	162,304	160,615	157,335
Average Live Weight	5.31	5.32	5.20
To Date 2006 (000)	1,764,662	1,602,358	-----
To Date 2005 (000)	1,726,029	1,568,694	-----

MONTHLY COLD STORAGE: Total frozen poultry supplies on **February 28, 2006** were up 4% from the previous month and up 22% from a year ago. Total stocks of chicken were down slightly from the previous month, but up 45% from last year. Total pounds of turkey in freezers were up 19% from last month, but down 17% from February 28, 2005.

For additional information call (404) 562-5850, FAX (404) 562-5875

Internet: www.ams.usda.gov/marketnews.htm